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SUBJECT: ANKARA MEDIA REACTION REPORT,  
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THIS REPORT WILL PRESENT A TURKISH PRESS SUMMARY UNDER  
THREE THEMES:

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#### MASS APPEAL

The Bargain of the 21st Century for the Bases - Hurriyet  
NATO Summit Will Paralyze Daily Life in Istanbul - Sabah  
Air Traffic Will Stop During Bush's Arrival - Milliyet  
NATO Will Halt Life in Istanbul - Aksam  
NATO Halts Daily Life -- Posta

#### OPINION MAKERS

EU Gives Hope for a Date for Negotiations - Radikal  
EU Signals for the Negotiation Date - Turkiye  
The Life Halt During the NATO Summit - Zaman  
Iraqi Kurds Urge PKK to Lay Down Arms - Yeni Safak  
Washington Wants to Use Turkish Bases - Cumhuriyet

#### BRIEFING

A/S Bloomfield in Ankara: "Hurriyet" fronts an exclusive  
from the visit of A/S State Lincoln Bloomfield and Assistant  
Secretary of Defense Andy Hoehn to Ankara. The lead story

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says the US has started the negotiation process on the  
Global Defense Posture which includes the use of Turkish air  
bases, part of a 100-year plan for the US military  
structure. Bloomfield told "Hurriyet" that the current  
process is about consultation and reviewing restructuring  
ideas and is not about bringing up new demands. The daily  
interpreted the visit as a sign for a global restructuring  
that will have an impact on how NATO works and called on the  
Turkish government to be alert to the emerging demands. The  
story notes that the US wants flexibility, speed and  
mobility in its new military posture, yet such concepts do  
not comply with the NATO process. Thus Turkey should be  
ready for some changes in Turkish-US military cooperation,  
the daily noted. All papers carried the Bloomfield visit as  
part of the Global Defense Posture consultations.

Encouraging Messages From EU to Turkey: The mass appeal  
"Hurriyet" draws attention to EU Commissioner Verheugen's  
words that the EU Commission's report about Turkey would be  
based on objective criteria. Verheugen describes Turkey's  
EU policies as a success story. "Turkiye" reports that the  
EU gave a signal to Turkey for the accession date with  
Verheugen saying that the accession talks with Turkey will  
not be just a formality. "Radikal" notes that there were  
increasing positive messages for the start of accession  
talks. "Radikal" also notes that Verheugen had highlighted  
Turkey's shortcomings in three areas: freedom of expression,  
freedom of worship and detention conditions.

Kurdish Leaders Urge PKK to Lay Down its Arms: "Yeni Safak"  
reports that under the leadership of Kurdistan Democratic  
Party (KDP) leader Barzani, all the other Kurdish leaders in  
Northern Iraq had urged PKK/KONGRA-GEL to cease terror  
attacks. The leader of the Kurdistan Islam party said that  
the violence will not help Kurdish people to gain their  
rights but the war would only serve the interests of the arm  
dealers. The Kurdish leaders agree that the steps  
undertaken by Turkey for the Kurds' cultural rights were  
very important.

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